
HOUSE BILL 1654

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By Representatives Rust and Horn.

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Environmental Affairs.

1 AN ACT Relating to the authority of cities and towns with sewer
2 systems extending beyond their limits to compel county residents to
3 hook up to the system; and amending RCW 35.21.210 and 35A.21.150.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.21.210 and 1965 c 7 s 35.21.210 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Any city or town shall have power to provide for the sewerage,
8 drainage and water supply thereof, and to establish, construct and
9 maintain a system or systems of sewers and drains and a system or
10 systems of water supply, within or without the corporate limits of such
11 city or town, and to control, regulate and manage the same.

12 Any city or town that is operating a system or systems of sewers
13 beyond the corporate limits of the city or town, after receiving the
14 approval of the county legislative authority of the county in which the
15 property is located, may compel the owners of property that is located

1 within two hundred feet of the city's or town's system of sewers to
2 connect to the system and to use the same for proper purposes. In case
3 the owners of the property fail to make such connections within the
4 time fixed by the city or town, it may cause such connections to be
5 made and assess against the property served the costs and expenses
6 thereof. Such connection may only be compelled after a finding that
7 on-site sewage systems degrade the water quality of the region's
8 surface waters or ground water.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35A.21.150 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.21.150 are each
10 amended to read as follows:

11 The general law as contained in, but not limited to, chapter 35.67
12 RCW, relating to sewerage systems and the collection and disposal of
13 refuse, the manner of providing therefor, and the issuance of general
14 obligation or revenue bonds therefor, the establishment of a revenue
15 bond fund in connection therewith, compulsory connection with a city
16 sewer system, setting and collection of rates, fees, and charges
17 therefor, and the existence, enforcement, and foreclosure of a lien for
18 sewer services is hereby recognized as applicable to code cities
19 operating systems of sewerage and systems and plants for refuse
20 collection and disposal. A code city may exercise the powers, in the
21 manner provided, perform the duties, and shall have the rights and
22 obligations provided in chapter 35.67 RCW, subject to the conditions
23 and limitations therein provided.

24 Any city that is operating a system or systems of sewers beyond the
25 corporate limits of the city, after receiving the approval of the
26 county legislative authority of the county in which the property is
27 located, may compel the owners of property that is located within two
28 hundred feet of the city's system of sewers to connect to the system
29 and to use the same for proper purposes. In case the owners of the

1 property fail to make such connections within the time fixed by the
2 city, it may cause such connections to be made and assess against the
3 property served the costs and expenses thereof. Such connection may
4 only be compelled after a finding that on-site sewage systems degrade
5 the water quality of the region's surface waters or ground water.